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For: OPTICAL APPARATUS FOR  
RECORDING/REPRODUCING AND  
READING/REPRODUCING DATA ON  
AN OPTICAL RECORDING MEDIUM,  
AND METHOD FOR USING SAME

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated May 6, 2004 (Paper No. 10), finally rejecting claims 1-5, 7, 8, 9/3, 10-22 and 24, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 17 of this paper.

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